

# THE SUSPECTS

## DELILAH HAYS

No one can deny that Delilah's fingers tickle the ivories unlike anyone else, and her high-paced tunes on the piano pull in just as many patrons as the hooch and cards. She has a song for any situation, and has even been known to play through a saloon-wide brawl, ducking flying glasses without missing a beat. Delilah is dainty at first appearance, but can hold her own with the men who visit the Cherry Creek Saloon, and some have claimed her tongue is even quicker than her fingers! Delilah wears a bright saloon dress, stockings and practical black heels.

# LENORE HEDGEPETH

Lenore is often viewed as a nonthreatening card player to her male counterparts – until they play her. Lenore is an expert card player, and has a knack for telling when someone is lying. She has been staying at the inn for a month and seems to have no intention of leaving. After all, she pays her room charges with the money she makes beating the men at cards! Nothing can be read from her face – she is a genuine mystery to all those she meets. Lenore dresses like a cowboy, wearing a dark hat, denim and chaps and cowboy boots.

# BETSY-LOU SILVA

Betsy-Lou has been a waitress at The Cherry Creek Saloon for only a few short weeks, but has already made a name for herself. In the short time she has worked at the saloon, Betsy-Lou has spilled no less than six drinks on patrons, has tripped up the stairs twice and has even inadvertently set all the horses loose from the hitch outside the saloon. She is quiet and subdued, rarely looking anyone in the eye, and spends most of her hours simply trying not to cause chaos.

#### KITTY FLORES

Wife of Abe Flores, Kitty helps Abe run the saloon. She is strictly in charge of renting the rooms above the saloon, and ensuring any male patrons are well taken care of. Kitty is tender and classy, wearing a high-necked dress and tight corset. She knows how to gauge the tension in the saloon in order to make she and the saloon girls scarce when the men are threatening to break out into a brawl.

#### MAE FARLEY

Wife of Tupper Farley, Mae is a desert rose, a woman of the highest class in the Wild West. Together, the pair are traveling through Cherry Creek to California, to find their fortune in the gold rush. Mae is dainty, dignified and well-spoken, clearly of the highest breeding. Mae wears a conservative dress with a high neck and a low skirt.

### HETTIE COULSON

Fun loving yet elegant, Hettie is a saloon girl, employed by Kitty Flores to chat and dance with the lonely men of The Cherry Creek Saloon. A woman of high moral standards, Hettie has a knack for conversation, and is admired by many men for her attentions in the saloon. Of course, like all saloon girls, she earns a commission on the drinks purchased by the man she charms. Hettie wears a bright ruffled dress (considered far too short and too low-cut by many in town), boots and lavish jewelry – gifts from her admirers.

#### CASSIE FLORES

Daughter of saloon owners Abe and Kitty Flores, Cassie is almost twenty years old, and is tenacious and rebellious. Because of this, her parents keep a strict rule over her and insist she remain in her room on the second floor of the saloon during the evenings. Cassie is young, sweet and innocent, and wears a modest dress with a high collar.

### ALEXANDER JAMES

Alexander James is a young, quiet cowboy who keeps to himself. An avid card player, Alexander is a frustrating opponent; he is tight-lipped and his face gives nothing away. His expression is suspicious and smoldering, his voice deep and breathy. Alexander wears a dark cowboy hat, a dark shirt, denim slacks and cowboy boots with spurs.

### ABE FLORES

The current owner of the Cherry Creek Saloon, Abe Flores spends his days running the bar and the rooms above. Alongside his wife, Abe ensures the saloon runs smoothly and his patrons are happy. He is a meticulous, detail-oriented man who is slightly socially-awkward, and doesn't tolerate any shenanigans in his saloon. Abe wears a pair of black pants, a practical white shirt and a cardigan.

## JESSE WOODSON

A young gambler, Jesse is far younger than most of the other patrons. He is talkative, unless of course he's sitting at the card table, in which case he is all about the game at hand. An excellent gambler, Jesse is almost as fast at dealing cards as he is on the draw. Jesse wears a cowboy hat, western shirt, denim jeans, chaps and cowboy boots with spurs.

### HUXLEY BARNES

Huxley Barnes is the cards dealer at the Cherry Creek Saloon, and has been for years. Each night without fail, Huxley takes a seat at the table and waits for players. Some nights he has a full table, other nights he spends alone. Huxley is an all around angry person. To Huxley, a stranger is just someone he doesn't hate yet. He has a low tolerance for hijinks at his cards table, and even less tolerance for cheating. Huxley treats everyone he meets equally – with unbridled contempt. Huxley wears a cowboy hat, denim slacks and cowboy boots, and has a long handlebar mustache.

### TUPPER FARLEY

Tupper Farley is a traveler, passing through Cherry Creek with his wife, Mae. No one knows much about the mysterious couple, and Tupper is revealing nothing. His constant stony expression confounds those he meets - especially those he meets at the cards table, and when he does speak, his words are few. Tupper has a low, grumbling voice and a glare that can frighten even the toughest gunslinger in the room. He wears a pair of cowboy boots with spurs, chaps and a cowboy hat, and carries two guns in holsters around his waist.

### SNIDER NORTH

A stranger from out of town, Snider North is a charming, good looking man who is almost as good at cards as he is at charming the ladies. He loves to joke, and brings levity to any situation with his snappy comebacks. He is intelligent and calculating, though his reasons for being in Cherry Creek are unclear. He wears cowboy boots with spurs, a cowboy hat and a holster around his waist with one pistol.

### TOM WILLIS

The 'New Sheriff In Town', Tom Willis just arrived in Cherry Creek tonight - just in time, it would seem! He and has wasted no time in laying down the law, and is quick to show the people in Cherry Creek that he will not tolerate tomfoolery, mayhem or murder in his town! A gruff, dark man, Tom is intimidating with a thick, long mustache and a black cowboy hat.

### CALVIN FLOCKER

Calvin is the horse attendant at the Cherry Creek Saloon, and he tends the horses while their riders are within the saloon drinking and playing cards. It's his job to stand outside with the horses to care for and protect them. Calvin is personable and outgoing, always joking with those who patronize his services, and earns hefty tips because of his outgoing personality. He wears a pair of jeans, a button-up shirt, boots and a tattered black cowboy hat.

#### CLARENCE HENDERSON

Clarence Henderson is a resident of Cherry Creek, and spends most of his evenings in the saloon, regardless of whether there are any other patrons within or not. When there's a card game to be had, Clarence is the first at the table, but if there is no game, he spends his time holding up the bar, so to speak, bending the ear of saloon owner and bartender, Abe Flores. Clarence is talkative and personable, and wears a plaid shirt, denim slacks, cowboy boots and a cowboy hat.

### RONALD HENDERSON

Son of Clarence Henderson, Ronald is a quiet, polite man who always has a kind word for his fellow residents of Cherry Creek. Especially good with horses, Ronald wears a plaid shirt, denim slacks, cowboy boots and a cowboy hat.

### MARLOW MASTERSON

Patron of The Cherry Creek Saloon, Marlow is a stranger to most in these parts, although he has been in Cherry Creek for over a month, having rented a room above the saloon from Abe and Kitty Flores, he is still a stranger to most. Each night he can be found playing cards in the saloon – some nights he wins, some he loses, and while his motives for being in Cherry Creek are a mystery, he is polite to everyone, tips his hat as he passes the other patrons and even buys a round for everyone at the cards table every so often.